



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 29, 1892.

THERE is no doubt that the time has come when Mt. Vernon should be a government reservation, nor is there any that the Ladies' Association, to which the property belongs, would willingly surrender it on proper conditions, or that Virginia would abandon her jurisdiction over it for such a purpose. But should the government take possession of it and open it to the public, not a regiment, out a whole brigade would be required to preserve it from despoliation, for if a G. A. R. mason stole a miniature of Dr. Dick from Washington Lodge in this city, while the Tyler was present the very sarcophagus of General Washington would be hacked to pieces and carried off as relics by the hordes who would visit Mt. Vernon, unless treble guarded.

It is stated in the newspapers, other than democratic, too, that the national republican committee has set apart no less than one million dollars to be used in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, and that one member of Mr. Harrison's cabinet has subscribed fifty thousand dollars to the republican election fund. This is where the trouble lies. The Presidency, owing to the numerous purchasable votes, is for sale, and the republicans have the money with which it can be bought. They are rich and the democrats are poor, and money, if not blood, will always tell. And this is the condition of the Great American Republic.

At a convention of negro editors in Philadelphia last Tuesday, the president, named Mitchell, said the convention "would make a declaration of independence that there should be no more cowardice among the negroes of the South, but that they would fight it out there with the ballot or, if necessary, with the bullet." Mitchell evidently had heard or read a recent speech of Mr. Hobson, one of the third party leaders of this State, for in that speech, substituting the words third party men for the word negroes, that famous orator expressed the very same idea in the very same language.

COUNTRY PEOPLE say that the persimmon trees and chinquapin bushes for miles around this city were stripped by the G. A. R. who were here last week, and carried North as relics by the men who first saw these regions during the war. The fact that the persimmons are just "ripening" recalls the memory of Capt. John Smith's quaint description of that fruit, which is as follows: "It grows as high as a palmeto; the fruit is like a medlar; it is first green, then yellow, and red when it is ripe; if it be not ripe, it will draw a man's mouth away with much torment, but when ripe, it is as delicious as an apricot."

A DEMOCRATIC negro in New York named Downing has returned the fifty dollars given to him by the democrats as pay for mailing democratic campaign documents to members of his own race, and declared his intention of voting the republican ticket, for the assigned reason that the New York Sun makes the defeat of the Force bill the chief issue of the present campaign. How much did the republicans give him for doing so? The white man is proverbially uncertain, but the negro, so far as elections are concerned, may always be counted on the republican side.

AS THERE can not possibly be anything more deleterious to a city's health than impurities in the source of its water supply, the Alexandria Water Company should, without a moment's delay, proceed to turn in some other direction the impure run, which, according to Mr. Ramsay, as stated in yesterday's GAZETTE, now flows into the stream from which the Cameron reservoir is supplied. Impure water is the natural cause of a great deal of sickness and of a large proportion of the death rate in both city and country.

MR. CLEVELAND says "public officials are the agents of the people." Mr. Harrison says—for if he didn't they would not be so engaged—"public officials are my agents, and every one of them must strive to the utmost extent of his power to have me re-elected." From his cabinet officers down to his 4th class postmasters, all are now working with might and main to secure his re-election, with the expressed understanding that "they will not be forgotten."

IF IT be true that misery loves company, Mr. Dudley, of "blocks of five" fame, must draw a large store of comfort from the fate of Mr. Hackett, chairman of the republican State committee of New York, for that prominent republican, like himself, has been detected in an underhanded attempt to buy votes, but in blocks of any number, and the letter proving the attempt, like his own, has been photographed and printed in the newspapers.

THE RECENT decision of election cases

NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is said that an organization is being formed in Brazil to restore the empire. The widow of Charles Stewart Tarnell, the Irish leader, is reported seriously ill.

Money Hanks trotted a mile in 2.04 on a regulation track at Terre Haute, Ind., yesterday, beating all previous records.

By decisions in the Baltimore County Court against the taxing of whisky in bond \$816,000 will be lost to tax assessors.

The Lima (Ohio) car works were yesterday destroyed by fire with the exception of the foundry and the foundry building. Loss, \$50,000.

The directors of the Norfolk and Western Railroad yesterday declared a semi-annual dividend on the preferred stock of \$1 per share.

There is a suspicion that J. H. Wickes, the New York millionaire, who fell from a third story window of a respectable house in Detroit, last week, was murdered.

Lea Brown or Schmidt, the woman who strangled three children at Bordentown, N. J., means all the time, and says she does not know why she committed the horrible crime.

A committee of the New York anti-snappers had a few hours' conference with the democratic national committee yesterday but failed to decide whether to nominate an anti-Tammany local ticket.

The Prussian minister of finance expects such an increase of expenditure and shrinkage of revenue that the result will be that the budget for 1893 will show a deficit of eighty-six million mark on the estimates hitherto formed.

The big woolen mill of Sayles & Jencks, at Warren, Mass., was burned yesterday. Loss about \$300,000. The mill was for manufacturing fancy cloaking, employed about two hundred hands, and was running overtime to fill orders. At one time the fire threatened to wipe out the whole west end of the village.

The caravels Nina and Pinta, imitations of two vessels in the fleet of Columbus when he started on his westward voyage of discovery, have been completed, and are now at anchor in the harbor of Barcelona, Spain, whence they will be towed to Huelva by an American war-ship.

The first of a number of giant ferries for service across Lake Michigan was launched at Toledo yesterday and christened the "Ann Arbor, No. 1."

The new boat will go into service as soon as completed between Frankfort and Pewaukee, Wis., in connection with the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan Railroad. Cars will be run on the railroad tracks, which extend the entire length of the steamer, and carried, without break of bulk, between Pewaukee and Frankfort.

At the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Greenville, S. C., Tuesday 300 veterans sent up the old, long-silenced battle yell, the assemblage taking it up and joining in an instant later. Then a salute was fired, and as the sound rolled up from the guns a large Confederate flag shot across the street on a suspended wire and floated just above the statue. Another wild yell and waving of handkerchiefs greeted the company of veterans.

Old soldiers kept like children as they recalled the memories clustering about their battle flag.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Dr. Hunter McGuire has returned to Richmond from his European trip.

Rev. J. F. Ribble on September 1 took charge of St. Luke's and Grace churches and St. Stephen's church, Fauquier county.

Mr. John W. Hamner, an old and well-known citizen of Leesburg died last Saturday morning, in the 74th year of his age.

Mr. Charles Gordon Van Hook, of the U. S. Geological Survey, and Miss Evelyn Byrd, eldest daughter of Dr. R. P. Page, of Berryville, were married in Grace Church, Berryville, on the 21st inst. by Rev. P. P. Phillips.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association will be held in Petersburg October 11th, unforseen and unavoidable circumstances having rendered it necessary to change the place of meeting from Fredericksburg, as previously announced.

A report reached Roanoke Monday that at Richmond on Saturday night a man named Short shot and killed a negro. The negro immediately pursued Short, who fled, mistaking a party of miners for Short and his comrades fired upon them, killing three and wounding two.

Chief of Police E. L. Perry, of Lexington, left there on Tuesday for Roncoverte, Va., where he expected yesterday evening to be married. A telegram from Roncoverte announces the fact that he was paralyzed just before the hour fixed for the marriage, and is now unable to speak.

The fifth annual convention of the State Sunday-School Association, in session at Roanoke yesterday, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: T. H. Ellett, Richmond, president; Walker G. Hamper, Lynchburg, first vice-president; Prof. Charles E. Vawter, second vice-president; J. B. Greever, Graham, Va., third vice-president; Charles P. Raby, Richmond, corresponding secretary; Alfred J. Gary, Richmond, recording secretary. Grasshoppers are doing much damage in Page county. On some farms the entire crop has been literally eaten up by the myriads of grasshoppers, and wherever they began they did not leave so long as a green blade remains. So far they have not become general, but here and there throughout the county reports of their destructive work have been received, and great fear is entertained by the farmers for what may be expected of them in the future.

A committee consisting of Wm. M. Flanagan, of Powhatan county, chairman; A. W. Harris, of Dinwiddie county, and Jas. D. Neblitt, of Sussex county, who were appointed for the purpose at the Mahone congressional convention held at Burkeville on Tuesday are preparing a very lengthy address to the republican voters of the Fourth congressional district. The address will give in detail the proceedings of the Mahone convention, and also that of the Brady-Langston convention, and will contain violent strictures upon the conduct and practices of John M. Langston, colored, and the men who managed the latter convention and dominated its proceedings. The address will vigorously defend the course of the Mahone people, and their position in declining to put a candidate for Congress in the field, and kindly referring to the people's party and their candidate in the Fourth congressional district, Col. J. Thomas Goode, of Mecklenburg county.

Hanton and Beverley. A correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch giving an account of the political discussion at Lovings-ton last Monday, says:

"Colonel Robert Beverley, of Fauquier county, followed Mr. Southall in a speech composed of a heterogeneous mass of logic sustaining the most important democratic issues and at the same time denouncing the election of the candidates of democracy. General Hanton then took the floor and gave Colonel Beverley such a trimming as he will probably not soon forget. During Mr. Southall's speech the demonstrators present had refrained from any loud demonstrations when the people's party was touched up, but during Col. Beverley's address some five or six third-parties exerted their lungs so vociferously that on such small occasions when General Hanton commenced his remarks the large crowd of democrats were just ready to shout, and plenty of opportunity was afforded them. The speaker showed the fallacy of Beverley's reasoning throughout, and pushed the Colonel into a corner by asking him whether he would rather see Cleveland or Harrison elected in November, and then asking whether Beverley thought Weaver could obtain the electoral vote of Virginia. Beverley answered that he preferred Cleveland to Harrison, and did not reply to the other question. Hanton then asked Beverley if he was not ashamed to request the people of Nelson to vote for a violent South-hater, who desired to pass a law giving the Union soldiers the North about \$57,000 in addition to the enormous amount of pensions already going into the pockets of the northern soldiers. This, as my friend knows, is what General Weaver and his party are in favor of doing. 'The Colonel,' said Hanton, 'denounces monopolies and rich men in unmeasured terms, and yet he is the richest man in Fauquier county; in fact, about the only rich man there. He tells you that only once has he aspired to office and that now he never expects to hold office. In his last assertion I agree with him perfectly. In the second I must say that he is mistaken. He aspired to the office of Secretary of Agriculture under Cleveland, and since Cleveland's time to the office of Commissioner of Agriculture. He now aspires to the office of elector for Virginia, and he is right in saving he will never obtain it. Besides, he has desired the nomination for Governor and since his failure to secure this he has striven further and further from democracy until he has finally landed into the people's party alongside of Weaver.'

Mount Vernon. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

I was much surprised in reading the communication from W. H. S. in yesterday's GAZETTE at his obtuseness in desiring the opening of the grounds and mansion of Mt. Vernon. If the Washington Lodge, so venerated by our people, was not sacred in the eyes of the G. A. R. (I scarcely think W. H. S. was aware of this fact) and the thing of one of its members was stolen by one of the members of the G. A. R. on their visit to our old town—a relic—what would be the condition of the home of Washington in a short time, isolated as it is, open to depredation by land and water? There would not be one stone left upon another to show its site, and even the sacred dust would scarcely be inviolate. I might suggest that first of all a barracks be built on the premises large enough to quarter a regiment or battalion, a necessary expense for the government, and an oath taken of each one of them, for some of them might be relic hunters too. No, let the ladies of the Mt. Vernon association continue their good work—in keeping and improving from year to year the home of our own Washington.

A PATRIOTIC VIRGINIA WOMAN.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Water Works.

Several of your correspondents have lately been writing about the purity of our reservoir water and are apparently imploring the water company to take steps to prevent the pollution of our water supply. Do not these correspondents know that a private corporation is rarely affected by public opinion? The efficient solution of the matter would be the purchase of the water works by the city, and then we would get pure water, the reduction of the exorbitant rates now in force, and the extension of the mains to suit the wants of the growing city. If the water company will not sell their works at a fair price it is possible that an engineer might find room enough on Shooter's Hill for another reservoir, and then the city could break up the monopoly in our water supply.

The Game Laws.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Chapter 451, page 781, an act to amend and reenact chapter 134 of the Acts of Assembly for the session of 1878 and 1879, entitled "An Act for the Protection of Game in Alexandria and Fairfax counties," reads as follows:

"That in the counties of Alexandria and Fairfax it shall not be lawful to kill or capture hares or rabbits from January 1st to October 1st of each year." Penalty ten dollars (\$10). Approved March 3, 1890.

The shooting of rabbits will be lawful from Saturday next, the 1st of October, 1892. MEMBER OF GAME PRO. ASS'N.

MR. BAYLY TRANSFERRED.—The recent trouble at the health office occupied the attention of the District of Columbia commissioners yesterday afternoon. Mr. S. P. Bayly, jr., as stated in the GAZETTE of that date, made to the board a full statement of all the circumstances attending a rencounter between himself and a newspaper man. Ex-Assistant District Attorney A. A. Lipscomb appeared with Mr. Bayly to examine the matter. The result of the hearing was that Mr. E. D. Tracy, of the auditor's office, was made clerk of the health office and Mr. Bayly transferred to the place vacated by Mr. Tracy.

COUNT MITKIEWICZ.—Count Eugene de Mitkiewicz has filed a letter with the Secretary of State, in which he charges grossly improper conduct on the part of certain American citizens toward the Chinese minister at his diplomatic residence in Washington. At the State Department it was said yesterday that the department would not take any action on the letter of Count de Mitkiewicz, and unless the Chinese minister himself made some official complaint there was nothing for the department to do in the matter.

Senator Roger Q. Mills' condition has not improved.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Foreign News.

MONTREAL, Sept. 29.—A miraculous cure is reported from St. Anne de Baupre. A man named Daniel O'Brien went to the holy shrine perfectly helpless, suffering from a nine months' attack of rheumatism. While performing his devotions at St. Anne's his disease disappeared; he stood up, threw away his crutches and walked away completely cured.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times says that the municipal re-elections have resulted in a complete victory for the socialists.

A dispatch from Paris states that Herr Liebknecht, the German socialist, has received a hint that he had better shorten his stay in France.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Vienna correspondent of the News says that the danger of a cholera epidemic in Galicia is over.

HAMBURG, Sept. 29.—Wednesday's cholera figures are: New cases, 121; deaths, 53. A new treatment by chlorine water, which produces perspiration in the most hopeless cases, is reported to be very effective.

PETERSBURG, Sept. 29.—Thirty-five new cases of cholera were reported here yesterday, an increase of 17 cases compared with Tuesday's figures. There were seven deaths, against two on Tuesday.

HAVRE, Sept. 29.—In this city yesterday there was a decrease of one in the number of deaths by cholera compared with Tuesday.

HAMBURG, Sept. 29.—The official statistics continue to show a decrease in both the number of new cases and deaths.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Livory of the city of London met to-day to elect a successor to Lord Mayor Evans. Stronuous opposition had developed against Mr. Stuart Knill, Alderman for the Bridgwith ward—who stood next in rotation for lord mayoralty—because of his religious faith, he being a Roman Catholic. Six candidates were proposed to the Livory. Councillor Moore protested against the selection of Mr. Knill, but it had little if any effect upon the Livorymen, and Mr. Knill was elected to the lord mayoralty for the ensuing year. In reply to the usual questions Mr. Knill said he was a Catholic and attended his own church, but would have an Anglican chaplain to perform public duties, while his private chaplain would be a Catholic. He would not attend Anglican services personally but he would appoint a substitute to represent him at such services when it was necessary.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Yorkshire Post says that as a result of the recent outbreak of "C" squadron of the First regiment of the Life Guards at Windsor, the War Office has decided that the guards shall henceforth be treated the same as other soldiers and shall take foreign service the same as other regiments. The War Office, the Post adds, believes that the guards have been demoralized by the greater leniency shown them and the privileges granted them.

All Quiet at Quarantine. QUARANTINE, Sept. 29.—The only cholera news to-day has been the transfer of the remainder of the Scandia's emigrants to Ellis Island, and to-morrow the steerage passengers of the last of the cholera steamers, the Bohemia, will be landed and the steamer will be thoroughly disinfected. The Rugia and Moravia will probably by Saturday have left for Europe. The Scandia, which has been thoroughly disinfected, is due to sail with her cargo to-day; her destination is Baltimore.

The following is the 11 o'clock bulletin received from Dr. Byron: "Nothing new on Bohemia; sick patients still improving; will give you more detailed account later on."

CAMP LOW, SANDY HOOK, N. J., 11:30 a. m.—Major Sawtelle has notified Secretary Foster through Surgeon General Wyman that he is ready to receive passengers into camp and is waiting orders.

Morning bulletin, 9 a. m.—Pavilion C, Mrs. Domiz and her four children are doing nicely. Hospital, 3 patients; all convalescent.

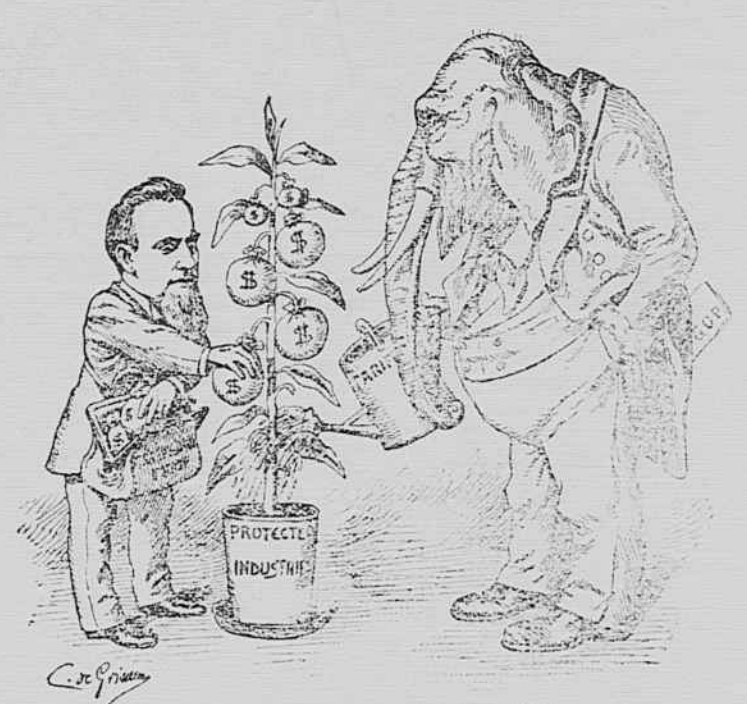
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—There have been no cases of cholera in this city since September 19.

A Desperado at Bay. DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 29.—Early yesterday morning four bloodhounds came upon the famous desperado, Commodore Miller, near the village of Wylie.

He drew his revolver and shot three of the dogs dead. The fourth tucked its tail between its legs and ran in the opposite direction. Police officers gave chase and ran Miller into the bottoms, where 200 armed men were stationed all night to intercept the flight of the outlaw. Nine trained bloodhounds arrived at Wylie last night and another pack arrived from Rockwall county and the grand round-up began. Miller was well armed, but so closely has he been pursued that he has not eaten a mouthful since Monday night. The word has been given to shoot him on sight, and as the whole country has been aroused, it is not probable that he will escape death at the hands of the regulators.

Suicide at the Altar. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—Jno. Dan ielly, a shoe dealer, yesterday afternoon left his home to see to some repairs that were being made at the East Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

After entering the building he went immediately to the front of the com-



THE TARIFF AS A "STIMULANT!"

munion rails and shot himself twice in the head with a revolver, and died an hour later. He had been suffering with neuralgia pains and had frequently declared that there was no better place to die than the church.

Political Frauds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The Evening World says: Chairman Harrity of the democratic national committee announces that he has discovered evidence of a gigantic plot on the part of the republicans to colonize New York, New Jersey and Indiana with colored voters. Mr. Harrity is thoroughly convinced that the republican committee through "Dave" Martin, of Philadelphia, has organized a plot to carry Indiana by fraud far more extensive than the famous "blocks-of-five" scheme worked in Indiana in 1888. The locality selected in New Jersey for the centre of the negro voting colonies is said to be at Rahway and the New Jersey State and county committees have been put on their guard. Strict watch will be kept on Martin and his collaborators in the alleged plot to colonize voters.

South Dakota Fusionists. SIOUX FALLS, Sept. 29.—It was 2 o'clock this morning, when the democratic State central committee broke up. On the fusion question a motion to delegate the power of the committee so far as the fusion was concerned to the executive board, was carried by a vote of 14 to 8. It is proposed to trade the democratic electoral ticket for State auditor and treasurer. The executive board of the State democratic committee is composed of nine members, all fusionists.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The Mexican International Railroad will be completed into the capital of the State of Durango in less than ten days.

The South Carolina republican convention called for to-day at Columbia has not yet met, the executive committee being in a wrangle.

Charles Vines, colored, has been sentenced to be hanged at Boston, Ark., on November 11, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Morgan last spring.

The practicability of shipping Colorado coal to Chicago is being discussed by railroads in view of the extortions of the Pennsylvania mine owners.

Rev. R. H. Allen, secretary of the Presbyterian board of missions, for freedom, died at his home in Pittsburg last evening. He was 71 years of age.

The trial of the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, miners on charges of conspiracy, resulted yesterday in the conviction of four of the defendants and the acquittal of ten.

Ten men are imprisoned in No. 8 shaft of Norris mine, at Ironwood, Minn. A fall of ground occurred at five o'clock this morning. All are supposed to be dead.

Frank Sweeney, grand chief of the switchmen's mutual aid association, and who conducted the Buffalo strike, was yesterday defeated by the convention for re-election.

The eastern and western coal agents met in New York to-day and adjourned without making any changes in prices and without taking action regarding October tonnage.

The general term of the Kings county, N. Y., Supreme Court to-day affirmed the decision of Judge Bartlett, which held that the apportionment as made by the Kings county board of supervisors is legal and constitutional.

Fraud in the matter of the direct tax refunded to the State of Louisiana by the general government is being proved by the researches made by the State officials. It is believed from the cursory examination made that the people of the State were robbed of hundreds of thousands of dollars by these means during the reconstruction days.

General Weaver, the people's party candidate for President, and Mrs. Lease arrived at Raleigh, N. C., from Greensboro this morning. The third party managers had arranged to make the meeting a grand demonstration. There were about 350 men on horseback and in vehicles and 1000 others in the procession. There was no disturbance at the meeting.

The wife and son of General Brubaker, leader of the insurrectionists in British Honduras, have received news of his death. Gen. Brubaker was captured by the government forces and shot. He was formerly a resident of Fargo, N. D., and his son, Albert Brubaker, is now employed in a Fargo store.

Robert F. Brattan was to-day nominated on the 114th ballot for Congress by the democrats of the 1st Maryland district. John B. Brown was nominated for the unexpired term

of Representative Page, recently appointed judge by Governor Frank Brown.

A large quantity of powder on the station platform at Buck, Col., exploded with a terrific report as a train was passing last night and a number of people standing near by were blown to atoms.

FAUCQUIER NOTES.

There are more boys in this district named after Gen. Hanton than after any other man we know of.

Mr. Vernon Robinson, of Hume, has lost several fine horses the last few days. He thinks they have been poisoned.

Seedling begun around Bristerburg and notwithstanding the very low prices prevailing, there would be a large area of wheat put in this fall.

Mr. H. C. Yates, county chairman, is making preparations for two large meetings to be held in the county, one at Delaplane October 15th, and one at Bealeton October 22nd.

A cow belonging to Helen Green went mad a few days ago, it is supposed from the bite of a mad dog. Martin Brewer's cow is also affected, and is confined in a pen. The first cow was killed before it did any harm.

Mrs. Leticia Thompson, beloved wife of Mr. R. A. Thompson, died recently at her home near Vernon Mills, in the 54th year of her age. She died from fever caught from nursing five of her sons who caught it from a brother who contracted it in Washington. She was a dutiful wife and devoted parent, and leaves many aching hearts behind her.

R. H. Rush, auctioneer, sold on Monday last for Mr. Hewitt, trustee, 432 acres of land for \$20 per acre to Julia A. Bonknight and 190 acres to same for \$11 per acre; for commissioners James V. Brooke and James P. Jeffries in suit of Lake vs. Mountain, 250 acres near Marshall to H. V. Glascock for \$6,121; and for A. D. Payne, trustee, 1323 acres near Midland to O. M. Heiner for \$10 per acre.

On Sunday last a little son of Mr. R. A. Thompson and others were returning from South Run Sunday School about four miles from Orlean, when a colored man named Lucius Gaines who was drunk arose from the wayside and snapped a pistol at them twice. It failed to go off and Mr. Fowell, the superintending teacher, came up, when the negro shot the pistol twice before Mr. Fowell could get it from him and then ran off. He is still at large, but the officers of the law are in pursuit of him.—Warrenton Virginia.

Mrs. HOEDECKER'S CAT.—Mrs. Anna Hoedecker, of Rochester, has brought an action against her neighbor, Joseph Kruppenbacher, for \$10,000 damages. She says that Kruppenbacher killed her pet cat and slandered her besides, and she wants to make him pay heavy damages for both of these manifestations of an unneighborly spirit.

Mrs. Hoedecker is nearly 60 years old, and lives alone. She was separated from her husband, Fred Hoedecker, about four years ago. The latter is the head brewer for the Rochester Brewing Company, and when the two parted he gave his wife \$15,000. Since that time she has lived alone with her cat, until the recent death of the latter.

Mrs. Hoedecker's life on Cleveland Park does not seem to have been particularly pleasant. She quarreled with several of her neighbors and now has several actions on the court calendar as a result. The neighbors say that Mrs. Hoedecker's cat was accustomed to make night hideouts on the fence which divided its mistress's villa from the adjoining yards. Some one shot the cat on a dark night several weeks ago and Mrs. Hoedecker instantly suspected that Kruppenbacher was the guilty person.

Kruppenbacher is a mild-mannered German who keeps a saloon on St. Joseph street. He denied that he killed Mrs. Hoedecker's cat, but expresses no sorrow over the animal's untimely demise. He also affirms that in the interchange of neighborly courtesies across the back yard fence Mrs. Hoedecker has always taken the leading part and he has been glad to retire discreetly from the field.

The case came before Justice Ramsey in special term Tuesday upon a demurrer on the part of the defendant as to the joining of the two causes in the same action. The court took the papers.

OFFICIAL.

AS ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the city of Alexandria to convey at the right, title and interest of the City Council of Alexandria to and to the property known as the Pioneer Mills to the Haskin Wood Vulcanizing Company of Washington, D. C. Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria, that the Mayor of the city of Alexandria be, and is hereby, authorized to execute a deed conveying all the right, title and interest of the City Council of Alexandria to and to the property known as the Pioneer Mills, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the south side of Duke street with the east side of Potomac street and running eastwardly with Duke street into the Potomac river; then returning to the place of beginning, and running southwardly with the east side of Potomac street one hundred and forty-five feet seven inches, more or less; thence eastwardly parallel to Duke street into the Potomac river; thence north to connect with the first line, to the Haskin Wood Vulcanizing Company of Washington, D. C., to keep and maintain as an open public highway forever the alley, passage, way or street through said property, sometimes called "Potomac strand," "The Strand" and "Strand street," with the same width it now has; and such conveyance shall be a part of the consideration of the deed hereby authorized.

2. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Passed Common Council September 27, 1892. HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Passed Board of Aldermen September 27, 1892. W. H. MARBURY, President.

Approved Sept. 27, 1892. HENRY STRAUSS, Mayor.

Teste: J. T. JOHNSON, C. C.